APPENDIX D

Process for CA Tool Selection

D.1 EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The MTP will use a technical peer review process to evaluate proposed technology concepts for the Corer/Abrader Tool effort.

All proposals will initially be screened to determine their suitability and responsiveness to the TA. Proposals that are not in compliance with the constraints, requirements, and guidelines of this TA will be handled as technical correspondence and returned to the proposer without further review.

After the screening process, proposals will be reviewed by a panel composed of the proposer's professional peers, who will evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the technical and management information provided. The peer review panel will develop findings, and a final consensus evaluation and selection recommendation for each proposal. The recommendations of this panel will be provided to the NASA HQ Program Executive, who will select the provider for the CA Tool for MTP funding. The MTP Manager will provide notice of selections and make awards.

For this Technology Announcement the awardee will be required to deliver a stand-alone Corer/Abrader Tool Brassboard prototype including support test equipment which may include a laptop computer and all operational software to validate the performance described in the TA APPENDIX A.

D.2 SCHEDULE

Proposals Due	Date specified in TA
Selections Announced	+10 wks after above
Final Report Due	+13 mo after above